

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

EDMOND P. LAFRANCE,

Defendant

Criminal No. 16-10090-IT

NOTICE OF INITIAL STATUS CONFERENCE

April 6, 2016

Hennessy, M.J.

In this case, Defendant is charged in a speaking indictment with two counts of Wire Fraud, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1343. Defendant was arraigned on April 5, 2016, and has elected to proceed under the automatic discovery rules. Accordingly:

1. A Joint Memorandum addressing those items set forth in L.R. 116.5(a) shall be filed on or before the close of business on **Friday, May 13, 2016**. Unless the parties inform the court in the Joint Memorandum that there is no need for an initial status conference, such a conference will be held on **Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.**, in Courtroom No. 1 on the Fifth Floor of the Donohue Federal Building, 595 Main Street, Worcester, Massachusetts. If the parties do not inform the court on or before **Friday, May 13, 2016** that there is no need for an initial status conference, then the parties must appear for the initial status conference either in person or by telephone.¹
2. If counsel feel that there is a need for an initial status conference, then on or before the close of business on **Friday, May 13, 2016**, counsel shall inform my Courtroom clerk, Lisa Belpedio (508.929.9905 or Lisa.Belpedio@mad.uscourts.gov), as to whether they want the status conference conducted in person or by telephone. If they choose to appear by telephone, they shall provide their telephone contact information, which must be a landline telephone.

¹ Defendants are not required to be present at the Initial Status Conference. Inasmuch as this court concludes that the Initial Status Conference is not a critical proceeding within the meaning of Rule 43 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, a defendant in custody will not be transported to court for the Initial Status Conference, absent a showing of exceptional cause on motion, duly filed in advance of the Initial Status Conference. See Fed. R. Crim. P. 43(c)(3).

3. ORIGINALS OF ALL MOTIONS, MEMORANDA, PLEADINGS, ETC. MUST BE FILED WITH THE COURT (INCLUDING ELECTRONIC FILING). **NEITHER FAXES NOR E-MAIL FILINGS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**
4. Counsel shall provide an estimate of when they believe this case will be ready to be transferred to District Judge Talwani.

/ s / David H. Hennessy
David H. Hennessy
United States Magistrate Judge